Tolls.

31. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have come to know that tolls were abolished in British India ;

if so, whether they propose to abolish tolls in Cochin also if so, from what date ?

Rao Sahib Mr T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes.

The question is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—If so, from what date?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Probably from 1st Chingam 1108.

Medical Inspection of Factories.

32. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state when was medical inspection of Factories by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer first begun and when was it stopped and why ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(i) In 1085 M. E.

ii. In 1100 M. E.

iii. Because the work attended to by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer is being done by the Boiler Inspector.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why the work of the Medical Officer was entrusted to the Boiler Inspector? How is he competent to do the work of a medical officer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The work the medical officer was doing was simply a sort of elementary supervision over the sanitary arrangements, to see whether the premises have been kept clean and things like that—to see whether such things are fulfilled. Only a very elementary knowledge of sanitary matters is required for this and the Boiler Inspector can do it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Does not the medical officer inspect the age and health of the children also ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The age he inspects. That he can do as well.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was not the Boiler Inspector appointed before 1100?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Oh, yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Who was then doing this work, this sanitary work?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I explained that The medical officers were attending to the inspection of the sanitary arrangements. That can as well be done by the Inspector.

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